

11/08/1996 (hereinafter '966), further in view of Kojima US Patent No. 6,081,277 issued 06/27/2000 filed 09/25/1996 (hereinafter '277).

In the '966 patent, the paragraphs appearing at (column 9, line 45) through (column 10, line 10) describe the problems associated with the reduction of a large document image for display on a web page. In particular, starting at (column 9, line 64) through (column 10, line 2), the '966 patent suggests that mere downsampling of a document image creates "broken characters", "touching characters", "eliminated character features" and "merged characters". These artifacts of downsampling are known within the field of digital image processing to be due to aliasing. The '966 patent proceeds to remedy these problems by prescribing particular compression algorithms in combination with the use of OCR to abstractly represent text, thus avoiding the problems associated with image downsampling (column 12 lines 20-25). The '966 patent admits that the OCR approach is labor expensive (column 12, line 20).

The applicants' invention bypasses the need for the abovementioned solutions (provided within '966) by using an anti-aliasing filter at the time of downsampling. This is supported in the application in (page 9, paragraph [0084]), within an exemplary illustration of the steps carried out with respect to the creation of images for the display advertising.

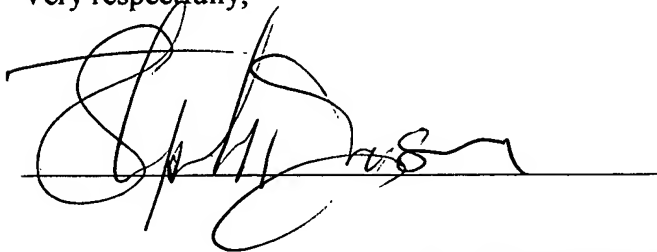
Therefore, seeing how all the cited art neglects this inventive aspect provided within applicants' invention, independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to include the step of anti-aliasing to define the invention more particularly and distinctly. Accordingly, claims that are dependent these claims are fortiori patentable and should also be allowed.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that all define patentability over prior art. The applicant submits that

this application is now in the condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully,

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